



Hearing Loss Prevention Servicewide Program Implementation Workshops

The National Park Service Risk Management Program is rolling out a Servicewide effort to assist parks in implementing Hearing Loss Prevention (HLP) programs. Workshops will provide park management, full time and collateral duty safety officers, division chiefs, first line supervisors, and motivated and involved employees an opportunity to learn what it takes to implement a successful hearing loss prevention program and gain practical hands on experience.

Programs will be conducted at two host parks in each region.

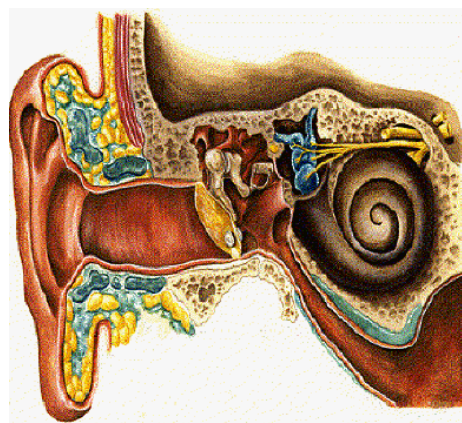
What Can Participants Expect?

Day one of a typical workshop will begin with a step-wise look at HLP program elements and their establishment. Trainees will learn to use sound level meters to identify noise hazards and evaluate employee exposures. Skills will be reinforced by conducting a comprehensive sound level survey of the host park. Survey data will be electronically stored for retrieval and analysis to determine employee risk. Those successfully completing the workshop will receive certificates of training as *Workplace Noise Monitors*.



Day two will be dedicated to those employees that were identified the previous day as having high-risk jobs. We will provide required employee training and on-site audiometric testing. (Specifics of the agenda may change to accommodate park-specific needs.)

- 1) Trained management, safety professionals, and supervisors with practical experience in HLP program implementation.
- 2) Workshop participants receive a resource package containing the tools necessary to implement an HLP program.
- 3) Completed comprehensive park sound level survey.
- 4) Trained workplace monitors.
- 5) A list of exposed employees that must participate in an HLP program.
- 6) Trained employees and employee involvement.
- 7) Audiometric testing.



Host Parks.

The benefits to parks hosting an HLP workshop are many. Here is what is needed from the park to make it a success for all participants.

- 1) Commitment to hearing loss prevention program implementation.
- 2) Willingness to host trainees from neighboring parks.
- 3) Make the park accessible for a comprehensive sound level survey (including interviews with workers and supervisors to determine frequency and duration of exposures)
- 4) Implement audiometric testing for employees as required and identified by survey data. Cost of audiometric tests must be borne by the host park.

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Proposed Locations

<i>Host Park</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Proposed Date</i>
Manasas National Battlefield Park	National Capital	28-29 Aug 02
Isle Royale National Park	Midwest	2-6 Sep 02
Denali National Park & Preserve	Alaska	September
Glacier Bay National Park	Alaska	September
Cape Lookout National Seashore	Southeast	9-13 Sep 02
Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Southeast	
Minuteman National Historical Park	Northeast	
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	Northeast	
Valley Forge National Historical Park	Northeast	
Fredricksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park	Northeast	
Antietam National Battlefield	National Capital	
National Capital Parks East	National Capital	
	Pacific West	
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